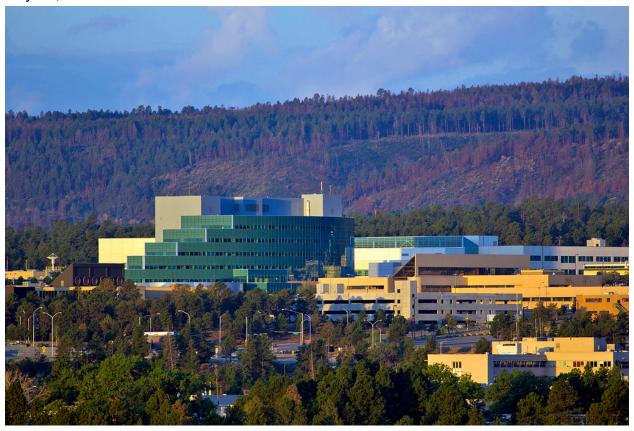


Los Alamos National Security creates mentor-protégé agreements with two veteran-owned businesses

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Los Alamos, New Mexico, July 30, 2009—Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS) and Los Alamos National Laboratory have entered into new mentor-protégé agreements with SDV Construction and Trillacorpe Construction, both service-disabled veteranowned small businesses. Under terms of the three-year contract, LANS will

- Provide Laboratory badging, site access, and related training support for personnel
- Provide engineering and facility construction opportunities for the companies to expand their skills and technical abilities
- Assist the companies in meeting Department of Energy and National Nuclear Security Administration requirements, and introduce them to best business practices that expand their qualifications

• Provide assistance in technical areas, including quality assurance, cost estimating, project controls, engineering, and design.

Both agreements fall under the umbrella of DOE's Mentor Protégé Program, said Dennis Roybal, the Laboratory's Small Business Program manger. The agreements are designed to foster the growth of these companies to become a successful subcontractor to LANS, DOE, NNSA, other government agencies, and private industry. According to Roybal, the companies are qualified to perform small construction projects and will help LANS accomplish its mission for DOE and NNSA. "Although we need to strive to achieve all of our small business goals, I am especially moved by our duty to veterans and service-disabled veterans," said Roybal. "We are very excited that these two agreements are with business owners who have served our nation." These mentor-protégé agreements are the fourth and fifth such agreements LANS has signed since it took over the management and operation of the Laboratory. The Lab and LANS also have mentor-protégé agreements with North Wind, Inc., TSAY Construction and Services, and Performance Maintenance Inc.

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